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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION IN MOSCOW

1. SUMMARY. FRENCH AMBASSADOR VIMONT HAS BRIEFED US ON THE COURSE OF THE VISIT TO MOSCOW BY THE FRENCH PARLIMENTARY DELEGATION HEADED BY COUVE DE MURVILLE. VIMONT SAYS THAT THE FRENCH ARE TRYING TO CONCENTRATE ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS, WHILE THE SOVIETS SEEM TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS. THE COMMUNIQUE WILL APPARENTLY BE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE DECEMBER SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO SOVIET PRESS REPORTS, COUVE DE MURVILLE AND AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAVE MET BOTH WITH
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PONOMAREV (FEBRUARY 25; PONOMAREV ALSO HOSTED A LUNCH FOR

COUVE, BUT THE EXCHANGE OF TOASTS WAS NOT PUBLISHED) AND WITH GROMYKO (FEBRUARY 26). ACCORDING TO VIMONT, THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

3. VIMONT SAYS THAT THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, HAVE STRESSED DISARMAMENT ISSUES, PLAYING UP THE FRENCH FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE NUCLEAR TEST BANS AND TO THE NPT. THE SOVIETS ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. COUVE'S REPLIES HAVE STRESSED THAT ON ALL COUNTS THE FRENCH CONTINUE TO BE UNINTERESTED IN ADHERING TO SUCH AGREEMENTS.

4. VIMONT SAYS THAT THE SOVIETS GAVE THE IMPRESSION IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH COUVE OF BEING "QUITE WORKED UP" ABOUT ARMAMENTS SPENDING IN THE WEST. COUVE, ACCORDING TO VIMONT, HAS MADE THE POINT (SOMEWHAT OUT OF CHARACTER) THAT THE SOVIETS MUST REALIZE THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO REALLY SIGNIFICANT MILITARY POWERS--THE U.S. AND THE USSR. THE SOVIETS THEREFORE SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT FRANCE AND OTHER MEDIUM POWERS; "THE REST OF US DON'T COUNT."

5. VIMONT SAYS THAT THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT, TO BE SIGNED MONDAY, WILL CLOSELY PARALLEL THAT OF THE DECEMBER GISCARD-BREZHNEV MEETING.
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